



## **ELEVENTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT STABILITY TRAINER AND FLOODING SIMULATOR**

As a result of the recent twenty-one sinkings and the loss of twenty fishermen on both the East Coast and West Coast during the months of December (98) and January (99) the Coast Guard established a Fishing Vessel Casualty Task Force. The task force was composed of members from the Coast Guard, Fishing Industry, Insurance Industry, NOAA/NMFS, and OSHA. Their conclusions and 59 recommendations were released in report form on April 6, 1999. You may obtain a copy of the report or a selected portion on the web at <http://www.get.to/thefishingreport>. If you desire a hard copy you may call the Office of Investigations and Analysis at (202) 267-1430.

The Eleventh Coast Guard District has just completed their review into potential problems that may occur with vessel communications, navigation, propulsion, and steering control systems as the year 2000 approaches. They have consolidated key information of their review into the enclosed letter. Also, check out our web site that has additional information and links on this matter at <http://www.uscg.mil/pacarea/pm>.

In Alaska this month six fishermen were saved by the required safety equipment. Four fishermen were unable to control the flooding aboard their vessel after it was holed by a rock. In preparation to abandon the vessel they donned their survival suits and inflated the life raft. Two Coast Guard aircraft were launched and another fishing vessel, which was 10NM away, proceeded to the scene. After arrival on scene the fishing vessel recovered all four fishermen in good health. Two fishermen were unable to control the flooding on their vessel after it struck a rock. They donned their survival suits and abandoned the vessel in their life raft. They were located and hoisted by Coast Guard aircraft in stable condition.

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